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(2650/191)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JAMES W. NICHOLSON, ET AL.

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Group Art Unit:

Title: EMBOLIC CONTAINMENT SYSTEM WITH
ASYMMETRIC FRICTIONAL CONTROL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

Applicants believe that none of the listed references, alone or in combination disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

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Respectfully submitted,



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REFERENCE DESIGNATION **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
A1	6,544,276	04/08/2003	ZADNO-AZIZI ET AL.		
A2	6,277,139	08/21/2001	LEVINSON ET AL.		
A3	6,059,814	05/09/2000	LADD		
A4	10/099,399	03/15/2002	DOUK ET AL.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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